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City hall

A lot of noise will be made Dec. 17 for the repair of city hall.
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Santa

The jolly man from the North Pole has made his return to the Carbondale area.
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Cable TV firm gives city bid for building

A lone bid of \$15,000 was submitted Monday night to Carbondale City Council for the purchase of the M&M Bank Building, N. Main St.

The bid was submitted by David A. Adams Cable Television of Dundas Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) money.

One bid, higher than the \$60,000 figure, was received a couple of years ago, but the bidder later changed his mind about buying the North Main Street property.

Adams, who was present at Monday night's session, told the city's solons that he plans to make a studio and office space for his company and others in the building.

His plans also include the installation of an elevator to make "better use of the second

floor."

The Dundas resident also intends to restore the exterior of the building to its former condition.

Asked if the firm planned to use the building for warehousing, Adams replied, "definitely not."

Adams, when asked how much he would be spending to repair the building, replied it would be easy to "use \$200,000" in the building.

With the consent of all members of council present, council, at the motion of Councilman Michael Tolencio, instructed city managing director Martin P. Judge to dock the city's garbage collection accordingly for missed collections last week.

MICU paramedics say obstetrics is fulfilling

By NAN WATERS

"The really fulfilling work we do," comments Ron Tezzano, paramedic on Mobile 2, "is the emotional call."

Coincidentally, as we sat in the garage where Mobile 2 is housed, the Lackawanna County Communications Center radio crackled into life in the dashboard of the vehicle.

Mobile 2 part two

Mobile 1, based at Community Medical Center, was dispatched to attend a lower-valley woman who was eight months pregnant and in labor. The room became silent as we monitored the drama between the Center and Mobile 1.

"We have a birth," the female Comm Center dispatcher announced at one point. It was a girl, and the infant was breathing, but not well. Mobile 1 was in contact with CMC and its physicians, and asking for instructions because the baby was not doing well. A pediatrician was requested and the baby was transported to the neo-natal (newborn) unit at CMC.

Later Tezzano called a colleague at the Mobile 1 base at CMC to check on the infant's condition. All was well. Another life-threatening crisis had taken place and been averted.

Tezzano's most dramatic moment in the almost five years he spent on Mobile 17 Again ... the birth of twins. The first arrived nor-

mally, and in the hectic pace of the delivery, the infant was kept warm and nobody paid much attention to its sex.

The second was arriving in a breech presentation, with difficulty delivering the infant's head. The paramedics were concerned about suffocation.

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At the hospital, two nurses discovered they were each attending to baby girls. Tezzano and friends are still being ribbed because they "couldn't identify the sex of a baby."

Three minutes ...

In contact with the physician on duty, Tezzano and his colleagues were warned, "You've got three minutes to deliver the baby's head or you're going to have trouble. Tell the mother to bear down on the next contraction."

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Brainchild

Mobile 2, which went into service just over a week ago, was the long-awaited brainchild of Tezzano and Dan O'Rourke, who sat down one morning over a cup of coffee to discuss the possibility of a life support vehicle for the upper valley as an adjunct to Mobile 1 based at CMC.

They contacted Mayor Fred J. Mancuso and Sister M. Cephas Ryan, IHM, executive

director of St. Joseph's.

After a committee was formed, and numerous organizations and individuals contributed toward its cost, the 1981 Chevrolet Scottsdale Suburban vehicle, completely equipped with emergency and radio equipment, was presented to St. Joseph's Hospital, which houses and maintains it.

Personnel from Mobile 1 rotate and staff Mobile 2 twenty-four hours a day. Paramedics and emergency medical technicians are from all areas of the county.

Mobile 2 covers areas in the Carbondale area including Archbald, Justus, Jermy, Clifton, Lenox, Union Dale, Elk Mount, Pleasant Mount, Forest City, Waymart, South Canaan, Hamlin, Lake Ariel in an area that "served" by the Carbondale hospitals.

They are called by local ambulances where a life-threatening event is taking place ... or by residents who dial 911 on their own.

RESIDENTS ARE URGED TO DIAL 911 TO REACH MOBILE 2. NO COINS ARE NEEDED FROM A PAY STATION TELEPHONE.

The cost of using the new mobile unit is \$75 plus cost of medications administered, and according to Emergency Room personnel at St. Joseph's, this is usually covered by hospital insurance. It is added to the Emergency Room cost and billed through the hospital.

(Editor's note: next week, part 3: How to know when to call Mobile 2, what to do and what not to do in a life-threatening situation.)

Allied appeals home decision; Nicholls: 'it wasn't unexpected'

"It wasn't unexpected. I don't know where they're going with it," Jermy's Attorney Albert E. Nicholls, Jr. told the *Carbondale Mirror* this week with reference to a petition filed last week in county court by Allied Services for the Handicapped Inc. of Scranton.

Allied is asking the courts to reverse the decision of the three-man Zoning Board of Adjustment of Jermy which upheld an appeal by Nicholls and his wife, Catherine, and revoked Allied's zoning and special use permits for a building at 438 Washington Ave. in Jermy.

Transitory living site

Last spring Allied parlayed the structure, the former Jermy Community House, for use as a transitory living site for

"up to 10 adults individuals under a program provided by Allied."

Nicholls, a former member of the zoning board, appealed issuance of the permits on the grounds no public hearing of the board had been held.

Following a hearing before the Zoning Board on Oct. 21, the board, chaired by Richard J. Marjan, upheld the Nicholls appeal. Attorney and Mrs. Nicholls are represented by his own law firm, Hughes, Nicholls and Moran of Scranton.

Ordered to vacate

The three-man board ordered Allied to vacate the building within 30 days after its decision Nov. 9. Following that decision, Attorney Kenneth A. Rhodes, Jr., of the Scranton legal firm of Oliver, Price and

Rhodes, which represents Allied Services, told the *Mirror* that "Of course we will appeal the decision."

In the petition filed last Tuesday morning in county court, Allied alleges that the decision of the Zoning Board is "contrary to law," and the court is asked to reverse the Zoning Board's decision.

During the Oct. 21 hearing held in the new Jermy Community Center, 437 Jefferson Ave., Borough Zoning Officer Frederick R. Stephens testified under oath that he had been in the post 10 years, and that he realized it was wrong to issue the permits to Allied, but "Allied wanted the building and the borough wanted the money." He testified that he issued the zoning and special use permits on the advice of Council President John D. (Donald) Edwards.

City budget returned

About two dozen people Monday night attended a public hearing on the proposed 1982 city budget, presented by Mayor Fred J. Mancuso.

Following the reading of the 10-page budget by city clerk Mary Milligan, the opportunity to comment on the budget was thrown open to the public.

There was none and the meeting

adjourned.

The public's consideration of the budget was dampened somewhat when Council President James V. McMyne told his fellow solons and the public that the budget was in error and asked that it be resubmitted to the mayor for correction.

He explained that the property tax income was incorrectly calculated and that it

was, therefore, pointless to comment on the budget until those corrections were made.

City finance director Joseph Masco told the *Carbondale Mirror* following the meeting that the mistake was only one of about \$10,000.

The proposed 1982 budget foresees an income of nearly \$1 million excluding revenue sharing and liquid funds tax monies.



THE FIRST LADY of the City of Carbondale, Mrs. Fran Mancuso, stands behind some of the youngsters who attended tree trimming party given Saturday afternoon by Mayor and Mrs. Fred J. Mancuso. (MIRROR photo by Ros-At)

On Pearl Harbor anniversary

Council president McMyne is still angry with Japan

By BETH WALLIS

A few days previous to the 40th Anniversary of the Pearl Harbor attack the *Carbondale Mirror* had an interview with James V. McMyne, who was stationed at Pearl Harbor at the time of the attack. Mr. McMyne is the president of City Council and a retired eight company executive.

Pearl Harbor is an infer in the Hawaiian Islands on the south coast of Oahu Island. In 1908, the United States set up an important naval base there.

On December 7, 1941, the two-hour attack by the Japanese killed approximately 2,400 persons and injured nearly 1,200. It took the United States Navy almost one year to recover from the shattering and unexpected invasion.

Between history books and encyclopedias you will find many different versions of what really happened that day. Here is one version from a courageous Carbondale native who was stationed at Pearl Harbor on Dec.

7, 1941.

It started in the early 1940's when James V. McMyne, 59 McCashe Ave., Carbondale, enlisted in the Field Artillery. About two months later he was transferred to Pearl Harbor along with eight others from this area.

In a personal interview his own version came into focus as he proceeded to tell of the happenings that day. It was a "rare but not uncommon" incident which took place that day. At approximately 7:15 a.m. he was awakened from his sleep by the sound of the Japanese firing at Pearl Harbor. "At first," he stated, "I thought it was a joke." But after realizing that it had not stopped, he knew it was for real.

When questioned of his first intimate feelings, he replied, "absolute anger." He commented it is a "cheap shot" by the Japanese. He said he has not forgiven the Japanese for what they had done and he does not buy Japanese products here in the States unless it is absolutely necessary.

Polly says drugs are for sick people

Polly says "Drugs are for sick people only."

That's the name of the latest booklet for young people which the Carbondale Police Department has obtained.

Other booklets previously distributed to young people are *Betty and Bill and the New Bad Men* and *Officer Paul Says*.

The first booklet teaches youngsters about the dangers of accepting candy and rides from strangers.

The second teaches the responsibility of obeying laws and reporting wrong-doing to the police.

The Polly booklet, in the words of the booklet's introduction: "My book will teach you some things about drugs and I hope you will take my advice ... Drugs are for sick people only."

With pages for coloring, connecting the dots, solving puzzles and quizzes, and playing games, the booklet brings its message home.

A feature of this booklet is a two-page parents and teachers' guide.

The guide explains the purpose of each game and quiz so that the parent or teacher can better emphasize the harms of drugs.

It warns that drugs should be taken only when sick and when the doctor says so, that drugs that belong to someone else should not be taken, that people on television and radio who advertise drugs mean for only sick people to take them.

The booklet also stresses that there are certain things that drugs or medicine can not cure ... like life's disappointments and problems.

Sgt. Russell Scavo of the city police department juvenile officer told the *Carbon-*

dale *Mirror* that he and a state police officer will distribute the booklets to first and second grade students of the Felt, Roosevelt, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, and St. Rose elementary schools following the Holidays.

The booklets were paid for through advertisements bought by local businesses and industries.

The police officers will also distribute growth charts (to keep track of a child's growth) to the students.

School boards reorganize

Last Wednesday evening Robert M. Ford, who was elected to the Carbondale Area School Board in November, was unanimously elected president of that group. A Republican, Ford defeated former Democratic City Chairman and incumbent director Jack Kearney to represent Region III.

Carbondale's reorganization session resulted in a complete change of officers. Former board president Felix J. Falvo was named vice president. Joseph Zelinski was named secretary following the resignation of

director Jean Fudak, and John Piaruck replaced Robert Ashby as treasurer.

A lifelong Carbondale resident, Ford is principal of Preston Elementary-Middle School, Lakewood. He and his wife, the former Wanda Napoleka, reside at 96 Park Street with their three children, Michael, Colleen and Michele. Mrs. Ford is nursing director at the Carbondale Nursing Home.

Also on Wednesday evening, Lakeland School Board elected Joseph Krushinsky president, and Eugene Jubinsky of Jermy, vice president.